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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINES: NGO PARTICIPATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

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¶1. Per reftel request, Mission surveyed its primary human rights NGO and civil society contacts about the upcoming Universal Periodic Review at the UN Human Rights Council and informed them about the process for the review. Post learned that two of the local NGOs surveyed -- KARAPATAN and Task Force Detainees of the Philippines -- submitted reports to the UN Human Rights Council and plan to send representatives to Geneva for the discussions in April. Post believes that several international NGOs also submitted reports.

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